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## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Replace the Abstract with:

A still for distilling an alcoholic liquid such as wine. The still includes a chamber with a copper wall, which is intended to receive an alcoholic liquid, the capacity of the chamber representing a certain volume. The liquid which occupies the volume at the start of the distillation and the chamber wall define, by mutual contact, a first interface with an area to volume ratio that is at most equal to 27 square centimetres per litre. The still also emprises-includes one or more copper plates which are disposed inside the chamber and which are submerged in the alcoholic liquid. When the volume is occupied by a liquid, the liquid together with the copper plates define a second interface with an area and the ratio of the total area of the interfaces to the volume is at least equal to 30 square centimeters per litre.